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Boerge KRINGELUM et al.

Serial No.: 09/086,722

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For:

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CULTURE COMPOSITIONS

PETITION TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.48 (a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Petitioners request that Kim Ib Soerensen be added to the application as a named co-inventor. Furthermore, Kim Ib Soerensen hereby states that the error which caused the inventive entity to be set forth in error in the executed §1.63 declaration in the instant application arose without deceptive intent on Kim Ib Soerensen's part.

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CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE FOR CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

December 1, 1998

Date

Chr. Hansen A/S is the assignee of the above-identified patent application by virtue of an Assignment (a copy of which is attached as APPENDIX A.) The Assignment is being submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for recordation by papers filed concurrently herewith.

Chr. Hansen A/S hereby consents to the correction of inventorship naming Boerge KRINGELUM, Dan NILSSON, and Kim Ib SOERENSEN as co-inventors of the invention claimed in the above-identified patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Name:

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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §3.73 (b)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Chr. Hansen A/S certifies that it is the assignee of the patent application identified above by virtue of an Assignment (a copy of which is attached as APPENDIX A.) The Assignment is being submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for recordation by papers filed concurrently herewith.

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this certificate on behalf of the assignee.

The undersigned hereby declares that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements, and the like so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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